PROSPC Parks & Recreation / Open Space Priorities Committe



AGENDA

PROSPC Meeting Minutes Monday, January 27, 2020 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

211 W. Aspen Ave, Flagstaff AZ, 86001

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Facilitator Loven

- 1. Roll Call Attending Persons:
 - Brian Bloom (P/R Chair)
 - Bryan Burton (O/S Chair)
 - Mark Cox (P/R)
 - Jennifer Grogan (P/R)
 - Eric Nolan (0/S)
 - Kate Stanley (0/S)

- Jackie Thomas (0/S)
- Jack Welch (O/S)
- Michael Wilson (O/S)
- Aurelia Yazzie (P/R)
- Mike Loven (Facilitator)

- 2. General Business:
 - a. Public Comment: None.
 - **b.** Approval of 1/13/2020 minutes: Approved.
- 3. Discussion Items:
 - **a. Open Space Priority Clarification:** Robert Wallace (O/S) Nicole Antonopoulos (O/S) Revisiting Open Space goals presentation. Open Space desires to create an integrated system of protected and connected lands around Flagstaff (Priority 1). There are three types of land acquisition; regional preserves, connectors and complimentary open space. A more integrated system requires acquisition of six potential zones and would cost approx. 57 Million. There were numerous other locations identified that were briefly discussed.

All reoccurring costs have been removed from the priorities' language and have been replaced with conserve & protect language that focuses on restoration, preservation and facility improvement (Priority 2). Estimated costs to support this

priority are 1.58 Million. Lastly, the Observatory Mesa trail system (Priority 3) is currently estimated at 2.34 Million.

The Open Space Commission determined that priorities two & three were approved to go forward to the PROS Committee. However, the integrated land acquisition priority is still being reviewed to study all acquisition possibilities. The Open Space Commission would like to have a full recommendation to bring back to the PROS Committee before the next meeting.

- b. Project Scope Updates: There were minor edits to the P&R priorities. At the Continental location, there would be 5 softball fields instead of 4. Total estimated cost is 12.6 Million. The Committee reaffirmed that there are competing interests from at least two other groups and that keeping general estimates for each priority would allow for greater flexibility when bringing recommendations to Council. The Committee also discussed the Housing and FWPP groups and stated that it would be helpful to know what they are planning. Staff stated that they are working in conjunction with these other groups and the groups are aware of the competing priorities and limited bond capacity. Councilmember Aslan mentioned that he would like to see a community survey from the potential consultant, to help determine what projects align well with the citizens. He believed that that would ultimately help inform the final ballot question language.
- **c. Council Meeting Takeaways:** Council determined that potential consultants related to this subject should be highly skilled with social media, surveying, and the development of educational materials. This consultant should also be able to help strategize ballot questions and related language.
- **d. Recommendation Planning:** The Open Space Commission will finalize their property acquisition priority as soon as possible. The PROS Committee will discuss recommendations at the next meeting. Presentation preparation will occur at the Feb. 10, 2020. Final recommendations and all materials need to be finished no later than Feb. 20, 2020. Committee members will plan on attending the March 3, 2020 Council meeting, where this item will be discussed.
- e. To From: None.

f. Set Next Meeting Dates:

Next Meeting: Monday Feb. 3 @ 5:15 PM. Council Chambers. *Following Meeting:* Monday Feb. 10 @ 5:15 PM in Staff- CR.

4. Adjournment: 6:10 PM